IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method of providing security, comprising:

accessing a database configured to store operational information associated with a process;

determining a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitoring the process; ~~and~~

comparing a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

performing a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior;

wherein the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; and the database is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources in an optimized manner.

2.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, in [[the]] an event the second behavior is determined to be different from the first behavior, the second behavior is determined to be disallowed.

3.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first behavior is one of a plurality of behaviors determined using the operational information.

4.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first behavior is one of a plurality of behaviors determined using the operational

information, and in the event the second behavior is determined to be different from the plurality of behaviors, the second behavior is determined to be disallowed.

5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed and performing a predetermined action.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed and performing a predetermined action, wherein the predetermined action includes preventing the second behavior from succeeding.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed and performing a predetermined action, wherein the predetermined action includes generating an event associated with the second behavior.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein determining the first behavior using the operational information is performed when the process is not operating.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information includes optimization information, and the optimization information is used to improve process initialization time.

12. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information ~~includes optimization information, and wherein the optimization information~~ is configured on a per user basis.

13. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information includes component access information.

14. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the database includes a prefetch file.

15. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the database includes a superfetch file.

16. (Currently amended) A system for providing security, comprising:

a processor configured to:

access a database configured to store operational information associated with a process;

determine a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitor the process; ~~and~~

compare a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

<u>perform a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior; and</u>

a memory coupled with the processor, configured to provide the processor with directions<u>;</u>

<u>wherein the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; and the database is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources in an optimized manner.</u>

17. (Currently amended) A computer program product for providing security, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions for:

accessing a database configured to store operational information associated with a process;

determining a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitoring the process; ~~and~~

comparing a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

performing a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior;

wherein the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; and the database is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources in an optimized manner.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)